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Examiner: B. Snow

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Sir:

Applicant brings to the Examiner's attention the following U.S. co-pending application of Applicant; the claims and drawings of which are attached hereto:

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	09/572,518	17MAY2000	N/A

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the document listed above, indicate that it was considered by making appropriate notation in the appropriate column, and return a copy of this sheet to the Applicant.

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Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed document, should the document be applied against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,
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